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SUBJECT: VESCO - JUSTICE OFFICIAL'S ATTENDANCE AT UN
- MEETING

1. MR. JACK GOLDKLANG, AN ATTORNEY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WILL BE ATTENDING THE NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 12 UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN SAN JOSE. MR. GOLDKLANG WILL BE PARTICIPATING AS A UN FELLOW AND ON A PERSONAL BASIS AS AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD. HE WILL NOT BE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

2. BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE VESCO CASE, MR. GOLDKLANG WAS ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HIS PRESENCE IN COSTA RICA COULD BE MIS-INTERPRETED AND LINKED TO THE VESCO CONTROVERSEY. HE WAS ADVISED THAT SHOULD THIS HAPPEN HE SHOULD CONTACT THE EMBASSY FOR ADVICE. HE WAS COUNSELED ON THE GENERAL U.S.

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POSITION, I.E. THAT ROBERT VESCO IS A FUGITIVE FROM U.S.

JUSTICE, THAT THE USG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM STAND TRIAL
IN THE U.S., AND THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO SECURE HIS RETURN TO
THE U.S. WOULD BE MADE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH COSTA
RICAN LAW.

3. WHILE MR. GOLDKLANG HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE
VESCO CASE IN ANY WAY, HIS OFFICE DOES HAVE RESPONSIBILITY
IN JUSTICE FOR QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CON-
CEIVABLY A LINK COULD BE MADE BETWEEN HIS NORMAL DUTIES
AND AN INTERNATIONAL CASE SUCH AS THE VESCO CASE. KISSINGER

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